



September 15, 2015

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Durango, CO 81301

Dear (b) (6),

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is aware that you have raised concerns regarding potential impacts to the ditch on your property related to the Gold King Mine release, as well as sediment you removed from the ditch and bagged for disposal. An EPA On Scene Coordinator picked up these bags earlier this week. We want to assure you that we remain aware of your concerns and are working to continuing to evaluate your property as quickly as possible.

EPA has worked closely with the San Juan Basin Health Department and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment to evaluate the conditions in the Animas River following the incident. Surface water and sediment samples collected throughout the watershed have demonstrated the river has returned to pre-event conditions. Data received from samples collected from other properties in the area have met risk-based screening levels for recreational use.

If you have any questions regarding this matter please contact Cynthia Peterson, EPA Community Involvement Coordinator, at (303) 312-7879.

Sincerely,

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8

Enclosure